

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention is a device for receiving and drawing tight an edge of a tarp on a moveable vehicle. The tarp edge retainer has a latching member with a latch plate and an arm. The latch plate has an inverted channel and a lip, under which the edge of a tarp can extend in an operable orientation. The arm extends from the latch plate, through 5 a guide and connects to a displacing means. The invention further includes a spring means mounted to the latching member for returning the latching member to a rest position.